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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 22, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims

Please cancel claim 16 without disclaimer or prejudice.

Please amend claim 7, 9-15, 17-21 and 23-26, as indicated in the APPENDIX A attached hereafter. The entire set of the pending claims, including the clean version of the amended claims, is provided in the APPENDIX B attached hereafter.

REMARKS

Claims 7-15 and 17-26 are now active in this application, of which claims 7, 13, 17, 18 and 21 are independent claims. In response to the Office Action dated **November 22, 2002**, claim 16 has been cancelled and claims 7, 9-15, 17-21 and 23-26 have been amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.